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THE MINT AND ITS BRANCHES.

MESSAGE

FROM

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING

The annual report of the director of the mint at Philadelphia, and the branch mints, for the year 1846.

FEBRUARY 8, 1847.

Read, and laid upon the table.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to the House of Representatives a report from the director of the mint, showing the operations of that institution for the year 1846.

JAMES K. POLK.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *February* 4, 1847.

MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,
Philadelphia, January 27, 1847.

SIR: I have the honor to lay before you the following report of the operations of the mint, and branch mints, during the past year.

The coinage at the principal mint amounted to $3,623,443; comprising $2,234,655 in gold, $1,347,580 in silver, and $41,208 in copper coins, and composed of 7,447,335 pieces. The deposites of gold within the year amounted to $2,270,529, and those of silver to $1,362,330.

At the New Orleans branch mint, the coinage amounted to $2,483,800; comprising $1,272,800 in gold, and $1,211,000 in silver coins, and composed of 2,578,780 pieces. The deposites for coinage amounted to $1,207,538 in gold, and $1,216,436 in silver.

The branch mint at Dahlonega received, during the year, deposites of gold to the value of $455,149, and its coinage amounted to $449,727 50; composed of 80,294 half eagles, and 19,303 quarter eagles.

The rebuilding of the branch mint at Charlotte has been completed, and the new machinery made and set up, at a cost short of the estimates presented. The mint began its operations in October last, and during the three remaining months of the year the deposites of gold amounted to $196,381, and the coinage to $76,995; composed of 12,995 half eagles, and 4,808 quarter eagles.

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The whole coinage for the year, at the four mints, amounted to $6,633,965; composed of $4,034,177 in gold, $2,558,580 in silver, and $41,208 in copper coins.

Many details relating to the mint operations of the year, and former years, are presented in the subjoined tables.

I have the honor to be, sir, your faithful servant,

R. M. PATTERSON,
Director of the Mint.

To the PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

A.

Statement of deposites and coinage at the mint of the United States and branches in the year 1846

MINTS.	DEPOSITES.									
	GOLD.					SILVER.				TOTAL.
	U. S. coins, old standard.	Foreign coins.	United States bullion.	Foreign bullion.	Total.	Foreign coins.	Foreign bullion.	U. States bullion.	Total.	Gold and silver.
	Dollars.	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. C. -	.....	.....	196,381	.....	196,381	.....	.....	.....	.....	196,381
Dahlonega, Georgia -	.....	.....	455,149	.....	455,149	.....	.....	.....	.....	455,149
New Orleans -	7,735	1,165,033	21,758	13,012	1,207,538	1,201,179	15,257	.....	1,216,436	2,423,974
Philadelphia -	6,181	1,621,420	466,069	176,859	2,270,529	1,305,771	53,493	3,066	1,362,330	3,632,859
	13,916	2,786,453	1,139,357	189,871	4,129,597	2,506,950	68,750	3,066	2,578,766	6,708,363

MINTS.	COINAGE.														
	GOLD.				SILVER.						COPPER.			TOTAL.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Cents.	Half cents.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. Carolina -	.....	12,995	4,808	76,995	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,803	76,995
Dahlonega, Georgia -	.....	80,294	19,303	449,727	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99,597	449,727
N. Orleans -	81,780	58,000	66,000	1,272,800	59,000	2,304,000	.....	.....	.....	1,211,000	.....	.....	.....	2,568,780	2,483,800
Philadelphia	20,095	395,942	21,598	2,234,655	110,600	2,210,000	510,000	31,300	27,000	1,347,580	4,120,800	.....	41,208	7,447,335	3,623,443
	101,875	547,231	111,709	4,034,177	169,600	4,514,000	510,000	31,300	27,000	2,558,580	4,120,800	.....	41,208	10,133,515	6,633,965

B.

Statement of the annual amounts of deposites of gold, for coinage, at the mint of the United States and its branches, from mines in the United States.

Periods.	Deposited at the United States mint.								Deposited at the branch mints.				Mint and branches.
	Virginia.	North Carolina.	South Carolina.	Georgia.	Tennessee.	Alabama.	Various sources.	Total at the United States mint.	Branch mint at Charlotte, North Carolina.	Branch mint at Dahlonega, Georgia.	Branch mint at New Orleans.	Total at the branch mints.	Total deposites of United States gold.
1824	.....	$5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	$5,000
1825	.....	17,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,000
1826	.....	20,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,000
1827	.....	21,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	21,000
1828	.....	46,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	46,000
1829	$2,500	134,000	$3,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	140,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	140,000
1830	24,000	204,000	26,000	$212,000	.....	.....	.....	466,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	466,000
1831	26,000	294,000	22,000	176,000	$1,000	.....	$1,000	520,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	520,000
1832	34,000	458,000	45,000	140,000	1,000	.....	.....	678,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	678,000
1833	104,000	475,000	66,000	216,000	7,000	.....	.....	868,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	868,000
1834	62,000	380,000	38,000	415,000	3,000	.....	.....	898,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	898,000
1835	60,400	263,500	42,400	319,900	100	.....	12,200	698,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	698,500
1836	62,000	148,100	55,200	201,400	300	.....	.....	467,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	467,000
1837	52,100	116,900	29,400	83,600	.....	.....	.....	282,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	282,000
1838	55,000	66,000	13,000	36,000	1,500	.....	200	171,700	$127,000	$135,700	$700	$263,400	435,100
1839	57,600	53,500	6,300	20,300	300	$500	.....	138,500	126,836	113,035	6,869	246,740	385,240
1840	38,995	36,804	5,319	91,113	104	4,431	.....	176,766	124,726	121,858	2,835	249,419	426,185
1841	25,736	76,431	3,440	139,796	1,212	1,863	.....	248,478	129,847	161,974	1,818	293,639	542,117
1842	42,163	61,629	223	150,276	.....	5,579	13,717	273,587	174,508	323,372	5,630	503,510	777,097
1843	48,148	62,873	5,099	56,619	2,788	4,786	415	180,728	272,064	570,080	22,573	864,717	1,045,445
1844	40,595	194,917	11,856	30,739	2,240	12,298	2,377	295,022	167,348	479,794	25,036	672,178	967,200
1845	86,783	365,886	5,386	17,325	3,202	6,472	4,328	489,382	.....	498,632	20,313	518,945	1,008,327
1846	55,538	286,105	100,641	13,601	2,642	7,542	.....	466,069	196,381	455,149	21,758	673,288	1,139,357
	877,558	3,786,645	478,764	2,319,699	26,388	43,471	34,237	7,566,732	1,318,710	2,859,594	107,532	4,285,836	11,852,568

C.

Statement of the amounts coined annually at the branch mints, from the commencement of their operations to December 31, 1846.

Mints and periods.	GOLD.				SILVER.						TOTAL.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*
Charlotte, N. C.												
1838	.....	12,886	7,894	84,165	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,780	84,165
1839	.....	23,467	18,173	162,767	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	41,640	162,767
1840	.....	18,994	12,834	127,055	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,828	127,055
1841	.....	21,467	10,281	133,038	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31,748	133,038
1842	.....	27,480	8,642	159,005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	36,122	159,005
1843	.....	44,353	26,096	287,005	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70,449	287,005
1844	.....	23,631	11,622	147,210	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	35,253	147,210
1845	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
1846	.....	12,995	4,808	76,995	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	17,803	76,995
Total	.....	185,273	100,350	1,177,240	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	285,623	1,177,240
Dahlonega, Ga.												
1838	.....	20,583	.....	102,915	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20,583	102,915
1839	.....	18,939	13,674	128,880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	32,613	128,880
1840	.....	22,896	3,532	123,310	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	26,428	123,310
1841	.....	30,495	4,164	162,885	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	34,659	162,885
1842	.....	59,608	4,643	309,648	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	64,251	309,648
1843	.....	98,452	36,209	582,782	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	134,661	582,782
1844	.....	88,982	17,332	488,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	106,314	488,600
1845	.....	90,629	19,460	501,795	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	110,089	501,795
1846	.....	80,294	19,303	449,727	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	99,597	449,727
Total	.....	510,878	118,317	2,850,542	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	629,195	2,850,542

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Mints and periods.	GOLD.				SILVER.						TOTAL.	
	Eagles.	Half eagles.	Quarter eagles.	Value.	Dollars.	Half dollars.	Quarter dollars.	Dimes.	Half dimes.	Value.	Number.	Value.
	Pieces.	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*	*Pieces.*	*Dollars.*
New Orleans. 1838	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	402,430	.....	40,243	402,430	40,243
1839	.....	.....	9,396	23,490	.....	116,000	.....	1,291,600	1,060,000	240,161	2,476,996	263,650
1840	.....	30,400	26,200	217,500	.....	855,100	425,200	1,175,000	935,000	698,100	3,446,900	915,600
1841	2,500	8,350	7,380	85,200	.....	401,000	452,000	2,007,500	815,000	555,000	3,693,730	640,200
1842	27,400	16,400	19,800	405,500	.....	957,000	769,000	2,020,000	350,000	890,250	4,159,600	1,295,750
1843	175,162	101,075	368,002	3,177,000	.....	2,268,000	968,000	150,000	.....	1,391,000	4,030,239	4,568,000
1844	118,700	364,600	.....	3,010,000	.....	2,005,000	740,000	.....	220,000	1,198,500	3,448,300	4,208,500
1845	47,500	41,000	.....	680,000	.....	2,094,000	.....	230,000	.....	1,070,000	2,412,500	1,750,000
1846	81,780	58,000	66,000	1,272,800	59,000	2,304,000	.....	.....	.....	1,211,000	2,578,780	2,483,800
Total	453,042	619,825	496,778	8,871,490	59,000	11,000,100	3,354,200	7,276,530	3,380,000	7,294,253	26,649,475	16,165,743
Aggregate	453,042	1,315,976	715,445	12,899,272	59,000	11,000,100	3,354,200	7,276,530	3,380,000	7,294,253	27,564,293	20,193,525

D.

Coinage of the mint of the United States in the several years from its establishment in 1792, *and including the coinage of the branch mints from the commencement of their operations, in* 1838.

Years.	GOLD.	SILVER.	COPPER.	WHOLE COINAGE.	
	Value.	Value.	Value.	No. of pieces.	Value.
1793					
1794	$71,485 00	$370,683 80	$11,373 00	1,834,420	$453,541 80
1795					
1796	102,727 50	79,077 50	10,324 40	1,219,370	192,129 40
1797	103,422 50	12,591 45	9,510 34	1,095,165	125,524 29
1798	205,610 00	330,291 00	9,797 00	1,368,241	545,698 00
1799	213,285 00	423,515 00	9,106 68	1,365,681	645,906 68
1800	317,760 00	224,296 00	29,279 40	3,337,972	571,335 40
1801	422,570 00	74,758 00	13,628 37	1,571,390	510,956 37
1802	423,310 00	58,343 00	34,422 83	3,615,869	516,075 83
1803	258,377 50	87,118 00	25,203 03	2,780,830	370,698 53
1804	258,642 50	100,340 50	12,844 94	2,046,839	371,827 94
1805	170,367 50	149,388 50	13,483 48	2,260,361	333,239 48
1806	324,505 00	471,319 00	5,260 00	1,815,409	801,084 00
1807	437,495 00	597,448 75	9,652 21	2,731,345	1,044,595 96
1808	284,665 00	684,300 00	13,090 00	2,935,888	982,055 00
1809	169,375 00	707,376 00	8,001 53	2,861,834	884,752 53
1810	501,435 00	638,773 50	15,660 00	3,056,418	1,155,868 50
1811	497,905 00	608,340 00	2,495 95	1,649,570	1,108,740 95
1812	290,435 00	814,029 50	10,755 00	2,761,646	1,115,219 50
1813	477,140 00	620,951 50	4,180 00	1,755,331	1,102,271 50
1814	77,270 00	561,687 50	3,578 30	1,833,859	642,535 80
1815	3,175 00	17,308 00	–	69,867	20,483 00
1816	–	28,575 75	28,209 82	2,888,135	56,785 57
1817	–	607,783 50	39,484 00	5,163,967	647,267 50
1818	242,940 00	1,070,454 50	31,670 00	5,537,084	1,345,064 50
1819	258,615 00	1,140,000 00	26,710 00	5,074,723	1,425,325 00
1820	1,319,030 00	501,680 70	44,075 50	6,492,509	1,864,786 20
1821	189,325 00	825,762 45	3,890 00	3,139,249	1,018,977 45
1822	88,980 00	805,806 50	20,723 39	3,813,788	915,509 89
1823	72,425 00	895,550 00	–	2,166,485	967,975 00
1824	93,200 00	1,752,477 00	12,620 00	4,786,894	1,858,297 00
1825	156,385 00	1,564,583 00	14,926 00	5,178,760	1,735,894 00
1826	92,245 00	2,002,090 00	16,344 25	5,774,434	2,110,679 25
1827	131,565 00	2,869,200 00	23,577 32	9,097,845	3,024,342 32
1828	140,145 00	1,575,600 00	25,636 24	6,196,853	1,741,381 24
1829	295,717 50	1,994,578 00	16,580 00	7,674,501	2,306,875 50
1830	643,105 00	2,495,400 00	17,115 00	8,357,191	3,155,620 00
1831	714,270 00	3,175,600 00	33,603 60	11,792,284	3,923,473 60
1832	798,435 00	2,579,000 00	23,620 00	9,128,387	3,401,055 00
1833	978,550 00	2,759,000 00	28,160 00	10,307,790	3,765,710 00
1834	3,954,270 00	3,415,002 00	19,151 00	11,637,643	7,388,423 00
1835	2,186,175 00	3,443,003 00	39,489 00	15,996,342	5,668,667 00
1836	4,135,700 00	3,606,100 00	23,100 00	13,719,333	7,764,900 00
1837	1,148,305 00	2,096,010 00	55,583 00	13,010,721	3,299,898 00
1838	1,809,595 00	2,333,243 00	63,702 00	15,780,311	4,206,540 00
1839	1,355,885 00	2,189,296 00	31,286 61	11,811,594	3,576,467 61
1840	1,675,302 50	1,726,703 00	24,627 00	10,558,240	3,426,632 50
1841	1,091,597 50	1,132,750 00	15,973 67	8,811,968	2,240,321 17
1842	1,834,170 50	2,332,750 00	23,833 90	11,743,153	4,190,754 40
1843	8,108,797 50	3,834,750 00	24,283 20	14,640,582	11,967,830 70
1844	5,428,230 00	2,235,550 00	23,987 52	9,051,834	7,687,767 52
1845	3,756,447 50	1,873,200 00	38,948 04	11,806,196	5,668,595 54
1846	4,034,177 50	2,558,580 00	41,208 00	10,133,515	6,633,965 50
	52,347,543 00	69,052,014 90	1,083,764,52	315,239,606	122,480,322 42